



# NEWS RELEASE

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### **Redding Downtown Improvement Project**

**REDDING** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has completed the first stage of the Redding Downtown Improvement Project. Electrical, traffic signals and striping changes have been completed at the intersection of Tehama Street and California Street. Motorists traveling eastbound on Tehama are now allowed to cross California Street and proceed toward State Route 44, making Tehama Street a two-way street between California and Market Streets. Traffic exiting the Downtown Mall parking structure will now make left turn movements from the parking lot onto Tehama, crossing the eastbound traffic lane. Motorists are asked to proceed with caution in this newly configured area.

The second stage of construction will add eastbound and southbound turn lanes and a larger truck turning radius at the intersection of Market Street and Eureka Way. Other minor area improvements include turning radius changes and increased lane widths designed to help larger trucks pass safely through downtown. Work will begin next week, with initial construction on signalization.

During construction motorists will experience traffic controls, delays, intermittent lane closures, some total closures on nights and weekends and added congestion. Caltrans encourages local residents to avoid the construction area and use alternative routes when possible. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all time, but may be moved to other locations on the route.

This \$2.1 million improvement project was fully funded by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency and is being constructed by Tullis, Inc. of Redding. Completion is anticipated this Fall.

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